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SENATOR DORGAN NOMINATES NORTH DAKOTA STUDENTS TO ATTEND U.S. MILITARY ACADEMIES

(WASHINGTON, DC) – U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) gave "principal nominations" to four outstanding North Dakota high school students for appointment to U.S. military academies in 2000. Upon successful completion of a final physical and medical examination, Dorgan said these four students will receive four-year, tuition-free, appointments to their selected military academy.

"These nominees have shown exceptional ability in their academic work and extra-curricular activities. They are outstanding students and young citizens. They are a credit to North Dakota, their families and their schools," Dorgan said. "Their selection is the result of years of hard work, consistent excellence, and achievement. I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished and of their desire to serve their country in the United States military."

The nominations are the culmination of a rigorous selection process which includes a competitive review of the students' academic and leadership achievements, physical conditioning, and personal interviews with military officials and a selection panel.

Dorgan's four principal nominees are:

- * Daneta Jablonsky, a senior at Belfield High School, has been recommended for appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. Daneta is the daughter of Donald and Margie Jablonsky of Belfield, ND.
- * Patrick Kappel, a senior at Shanley High School, has been recommended for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Patrick is the son of Brian and Ev Kappel of Fargo, ND.
- * Rebecca Claus, a senior at Maple Valley School, has been recommended for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. Rebecca is the daughter of Robert and DeAnna Claus of Tower City, ND.
- * Kyla Sabrosky, a senior at Killdeer High School, has been recommended for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. Kyla is the daughter of Terry and Kathy Hummel of Dunn Center, ND.

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Dorgan has also nominated a group of 20 outstanding students from North Dakota to enter a final round of national competition for appointment to the academies. The military academies will make their final selections from the national candidate pool this spring to fill remaining openings.

“These students are also some of North Dakota’s best and brightest,” Dorgan said. “This is a tremendous opportunity and I am very proud to nominate such an outstanding group of applicants.”

If accepted by the academies, students receive a tuition-free, four year college education and will serve the United States in the military for a minimum of 4 years active duty following graduation.

The following North Dakota students have been given nominations to compete nationally for the remaining openings at each academy:

Competitive nominations to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado:

- * Brett Black, Williston, ND, son of Ron and Leslie Black
- * Greg Fillmore, Larimore, ND, son of David and Sheila Fillmore
- * Chandler Grant, Wahpeton, ND, son of Barbara Grant and the late Newell Grant
- * Jeffery Hill, Velva, ND, son of Jeffery and Susan Hill
- * Eric Kilzer, Jamestown, ND, son of Brian and Berny Kilzer
- * Kevin Kruschwitz, Alamo, ND, son of Dale and Kay Kruschwitz
- * Joshua Scraper, Fargo, ND, son of Douglas and Kathy Scraper
- * David Witham, Bismarck, ND, son of Lyle and Jenny Witham

Competitive nominations to the Military Academy in West Point, New York:

- * Joshua Bauer, Leeds, ND, son of F. Greg and Marlys Bauer
- * Sarah Beltran, Fargo, ND, daughter of Karen Beltran
- * Matt Candrian, Mott, ND, son of Patrick and Linda Candrian
- * Daniel Garrett, Fargo, ND, son of Durward and Karon Garrett
- * Mark Herman, Fargo, ND, son of Wendell and Susan Herman
- * Matthew Perry, Bismarck, ND, son of Steve and Myria Perry
- * Jessica Pommerer, New England, ND, daughter of Roger and Mavis Pommerer
- * Timothy Rott, Jamestown, ND, son of John and Sue Rott
- * Ross Schuchard, Bismarck, ND, son of Jeffrey and Bonnie Schuchard

Competitive nominations to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland:

- * James McKay, Minot, ND, son of Tim and Cindy McKay
- * Douglas Nassif, Bismarck, ND, son of Douglas and Patricia Nassif
- * Cassidi Reese, Grand Forks, ND, daughter of John and Judith Reese